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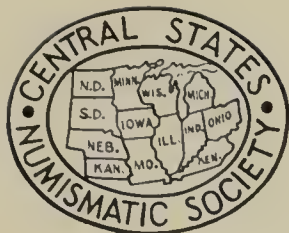
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## *Rogers Wins Best Exhibit At Detroit CSNS Convention*

An exhibit of U.S. 18th Century coin types won the best of show award for Lelan Rogers of Hannibal, N.Y., at the Central States Numismatic Society Convention in Detroit, Mich., May 9-12.

Rogers also placed first in the U.S. coins category. Other winners in that group were Alice Anderson of Caro, Mich., second for "U.S. Presidents on U.S. Regular Issue Coins" and Jack Huggins, Belleville, Ill., third for "U.S. Standing Liberty Quarters."

Awards for All Paper exhibits were presented to Harold Anderson of Caro, first for "Educational Series," Maurice Burgett of Belleville, second for "Obsolete U.S. Paper Money & Scrip" and Carlton Schwan of Portage, Ohio, third for "Military Payment Certificates 1946-1973."

Winners of awards for Foreign exhibits were Victor Lence of Amherst, Ohio, first for "Soho Mint English Copper Coinage Patterns 1788-98," Joseph Frantz of Monessen, Pa., second for "Silver Crowns of Mexico" and John Tilton of Bellevue, Iowa, third for "Canadian Half Dollars."

C. W. Peters of Arcanum, Ohio, won the only award for a gold exhibit — "American Gold Type Coins" and winners in the Miscellaneous class were Arlie Slabaugh of Franklin Center, Pa., first for "A Piece of

America," Judith Slate of Sterling Heights, Mich., second for "Nina, Pinta & Santa Maria on Silver Dollars" and Alice Penzes of Detroit, third for "Medals of the Detroit Coin Club."

Exhibit awards were presented by exhibit co-chairmen Alice and Steve Penzes at the Saturday evening banquet celebrating the 35th anniversary



Accepting the Lewis M. Reagan best-of-show award at the CSNS convention in Detroit, May 11, is Lelan Rogers, right, who displayed U.S. 18th Century coin types. Alice Penzes, co-chairman of exhibits, presented the award.

of the Central States Society and the 50th anniversary of the host Detroit Coin Club. Past presidents were introduced and Lee Hewitt of Chicago was honored as founder of the Central States organization.

Several other awards were presented, including the past president's medal to David Cooper of St. Louis, Mo., and the traveling plaque for convention chairman to Dan Parker, with the notation that the plaque had

been presented to the society by the late Joseph Stack of the well-known New York firm.

Ray Lefman, master of ceremonies presented the CSNS Medal of Merit Award for exemplary service to the society and numismatics in the area to David Shapiro of Chicago. Ed Milas of RARCOA, accepted the award for Shapiro, who was unable to be present.

Also, not present to receive his award was Clement Bailey of Iola, Wis., winner of the Bradfield Literary Award for the best article by a CSNS member during the past year in the organization's publication, *The Centinel*. Roland Finner, *Centinel* editor, announced the award.

The banquet also was the occasion for awarding of Krause Publications' sixth Numismatic Ambassador Award, presented by KP senior editor Clifford Mishler to Glenn Smedley of Oak Park, Ill., with the comment: "Perhaps the best summation of Glenn's contributions is provided by the reflection that he has long been unstinting in his willingness to provide unselfish service to the hobby at all levels, and at the same time equally willing to stand up and be counted on hobby issues." (Mishler noted that Smedley and Krause Publications had been on "opposite sides of the fence" on some issues, but) "regardless of the outcome, Glenn has always maintained a firm fix on the ultimate objectives



Krause Publications' sixth Numismatic Ambassador Award was presented to veteran collector-numismatist Glenn Smedley, Oak Park, Ill., right, who accepted the plaque from editor Clifford Mishler during the CSNS awards banquet in Detroit.

## About the Cover

The *Centinel's* cameraman was everywhere! From the top of cover down: A small, but dedicated group of Society members were on hand during the Detroit convention of CSNS . . . to hear President Dave Cooper conduct his final general membership meeting, as President-elect Dan Parker (left) waited to assume the leadership position. Dealers attending the bourse reported brisk sales, as did Larry Whitlow of Chicago (right), "caught" by the camera during a transaction with Doug Kaselitz of Detroit. Right photo: Mrs. Ed (Anne) Quagliana, representing The Franklin Mint, answered questions of hundreds of conventioners, including John Bondy of Dearborn Heights, Michigan. Bottom photo: Ed Milas (right), president of RARCOA, accepted the Society's coveted Medal of Merit on behalf of David Shapiro from the awards banquet MC, Ray Lefman.





Free lance writer, Clement F. "Clem" Bailey, left, Iola, Wis., was named the recipient of the 1974 Elston G. Bradfield Literary award for contributions to The Centinel. The award, sponsored by the Lewis M. Reagan Memorial Foundation, Inc., was announced by Rollie Finner, Editor of The Centinel.

of building a bigger and better hobby."

Smedley, accepting the award, said he was "greatly surprised and honored" and quipped, "We are on opposite sides of the fence again, because I can see several people in this room worthy of this award."

Closing the banquet program, Lef-

man, who will be chairman of the 1975 Central States convention in Kansas City, invited everyone to "Come Alive in '75 in Kansas City."

The 1975 convention will be held April 24-27 at the Muehlebach Hotel, downtown Kansas City. Bourse chairman, Ralph Hardman, 4809 Belinger Court, Shawnee Mission, Kan. 66205, will accept bourse table applications.

Officers and board members, installed by retired Adm. O. H. Dodson, are Daniel C. Parker of Detroit, president; Harold Berk of Warren, Ohio, first vice president; A. P. Bertschy of Milwaukee, Wis., second vice president; Oliver Horton of Washington, Ill., secretary-treasurer; John Cain of Kansas City, Mo., Kenneth J. Ferguson Jr. of Cleveland, Ohio, Ralph D. Hardman Jr. of Shawnee Mission, Kan., Wayne D. Jackson of Logansport, Ind., Miss Orlane Kittle of Winona, Minn., Kurt Krueger of North Prairie, Wis., Ray Lefman of Kansas City, Mo., Timothy Marcy of Jamestown, N.D., Lowell L. Owen, Adel, Iowa, William Pettit, Aurora, Ill., Don Squire of Dearborn, Mich., Ben Stocker of Southfield,



Surrounded by friends at the Detroit convention's awards banquet, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wolfe of Lakeside, Ohio, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. Strolling musicians entertained.

Mich., and Allan Schrock of Omaha, Neb., board members.

Eighty dealers had bourse tables at the convention, held in the Detroit Hilton Hotel, and some 20 collectors competed for exhibit awards. The entire convention was preceded by a PNG Day.

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## **Silver Dollars Top Bidding During Central States Sale**

Two U.S. silver dollars, a 1794 first-year-of-issue piece and an 1893-S Morgan, drew top bids during the public auction and mail bid sale conducted during the Central States Numismatic Society's Detroit Convention by Rare Coin Co. of America.

Ed Milas, RARCOA president, reported that the auction was "one of the most successful and well-received" in the firm's history. "Many collectors were able to acquire choice and rare specimens not often offered in such fine states of preservation," he added.

Leading the bidding parade was a 1794 Bust dollar in extremely fine condition, which realized \$22,000. Second highest bid-getter in the sale was the 1893-S dollar, described as "superb MS-65", which brought \$21,000, Milas said.

A \$13,200 bid captured a pewter 1776 Continental dollar in BU, while an 1895 proof attracted a bid of \$8,000. Other top prices for silver dollars included \$4,000 for a choice Unc. 1892-S; \$4,200 each for proof 1833 and 1839 Gobrecht dollars; \$3,900 for a gem proof restrike of 1851, and \$2,200 for an 1889-CC in gem BU.

In the Canadian dollar series, a proof-like 1966 specimen with small beads was bid to \$2,300.

Several U.S. large cents also attracted top prices, including a 1793 (S-3) in VF, \$2,995; 1794 (S-18b) VF, \$2,300, and an 1812 (S-288) Large date variety, \$2,600.

An 1814 Large Cent (S-294), billed

as one of the finest known was sold for \$3,000.

Type coins included an 1828 Bust quarter, gem BU, which was hammered down for \$2,600; a 1795 Draped Bust dollar, AU, \$3,200, and an 1881 Trade dollar in proof, \$1,050.

A proof 1906 \$2½ gold piece fetched \$1,250, a proof 1932 \$5, \$1,700, while a 1909 \$2½ "Roman finish" proof drew \$3,000. A proof \$5 of the same date brought \$4,250, while the 1909 \$10 sold for \$3,100.



Pointing out a bid to auctioneer Dennis Forgue (standing) is Ed Milas, president of Rare Coin Co. of America, Chicago. The firm handled the two-session public auction of top-quality numismatic material during the Detroit CSNS convention.

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## **Words of Thanks**

The Officers and Governing Board of the Central States Numismatic Society wish to express their sincere thanks to Mr. Edward D. Milas of the Rare Coin Company of America (RARCOA), Chicago, for the contribution of \$1000 to the Society. Mr. Milas and his staff were responsible for the conduct of an exceptionally well handled auction of choice numismatic material during the Detroit con-

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## PRESIDENTIAL

# COMMENTARY

The 35th anniversary convention of our Society was a genuine personal pleasure for me . . . rewarding because the membership displayed their confidence in me by electing me to lead the Society for the next two years.

Attendance at the convention displayed a lively interest in the hobby. As Chairman of the affair, I am aware that the dealers who support CSNS know that we have a forward moving organization. Cooperation between the PNG and CSNS is close and the relationship is warm. I shall strive toward continuing the relationship.

Membership in the Society, under the leadership of Dave Cooper, has grown steadily, though I would ask every member to get another new member. The new candidates for membership will enjoy us as we enjoy each others friendship.

At the convention banquet, I promised continued growth and progress. All constructive suggestions are welcome. In 1975 it is my firm intent to retire from my career, and at that time I expect to have much more time



Daniel C. Parker

available for both writing and organizational work. I will give it most happily to the Central States Numismatic Society.

— DANIEL C. PARKER  
President

vention.

The contribution, over and above the agreed fee for the auction privilege, is most sincerely appreciated.

The Secretary-Treasurer of the Society wishes to convey a word of thanks and deep gratitude to CSNS members Helen I. Bernauer, Florence M. Schook and Erwin Beskow for their belief in and their assistance to the Society in signing up many new mem-

ber applicants during the course of the Detroit convention. A chain is no stronger than it's weakest link, and it is members like these that will assure our Society and our hobby of a strong and bright future.

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Numismatists say there are more than 8 million coin collectors in this country. The rest of the people are just coin dispensers!

## A MESSAGE FROM THE

# SECRETARY

With our Editor planning to take a late Spring vacation (almost immediately following the Detroit convention), all of us concerned with production of **The Centinel** have been working at top speed to meet the inevitable deadlines with our printer. And although this may be a "hurry up" issue, I hope that we have not overlooked too many highlights of the convention. If we have, I'm certain they will be properly covered in a subsequent issue.

During the past year we have lost a few members. Some had to be dropped because of delinquent dues. To me, this is a rather sad situation for I did so wish to see our membership increase each and every year that I am associated with this office. The past year has been good as far as new applicants are concerned, but with too many dropping by the way side, this has not been the best year for renewals.

At this time I would hope that every member of the Society (who is not a Life Member) would examine his or her membership card to see if it reads: "... is a member in good standing until April 30, 1974." May 1st is the beginning of our new year, so any one having a card stating "until April 30, 1974" is now in arrears with respect to dues!

Many members wait until a dues notice is sent them before paying, but this is not good, for about the same time that you receive one of these notices (unless you mail it back immediately), you are in the process of being dropped from the roster of members in good standing.



**Oliver W. Horton**

I also suspect that a change of Secretary-Treasurer and the necessary change of address may easily have been confusing to some members. This is not an easy job, but as long as I feel that I can do some good for the Society and its members, I will stay. With all of the records and procedures involved, this is not a position that should change hands very often.

One of the most difficult situations to cope with as Secretary is the changes of addresses that are continually coming to me. Very often I get the feeling that I am the last person to know of a member's address change. Please keep me properly informed; do so immediately upon making a change. In this way only can you be assured of receiving your issue of **The Centinel** or other Society mailings on time.

After what I said about Life Mem-



bership in the Society in a recent issue, the response has been quite favorable. And I wish to repeat what I said.

Any member who has been a regular member of the Society for at least one full year is eligible to apply for Life Membership for a fee equal to twenty years dues, or presently \$60. This is an excellent investment in light of today's inflationary prices. Pay one time and you are a member in good standing for life. Plus you will receive a metal Life Membership card.

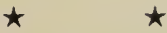
Another reason for considering a Life Membership now is a recommendation which was made during a Board of Governors meeting during the Detroit convention. It was proposed that the fee for Life Memberships be raised from \$60 to \$100. (Naturally, before this can go into effect, the proposal must be published in **The Centinel** and must be voted on during the Kansas City general membership meeting.) Nevertheless, if you

have ever given any thought to being a "lifer," now is the time to take advantage of the privilege. Act now, rather than waiting until after next April.

To receive a Life Membership application, all one need do is drop me a note requesting one. I will gladly furnish you with a copy. Return it to me properly filled out, along with your check for \$60, and if you are eligible, I will process it for you immediately.

The Detroit convention was a fine affair, and I was most happy to meet so many of our members, many of whom I have previously known only through correspondence. As you will see by our list of new member applicants, if collectors are given the opportunity of joining, they are most happy to do so. I met a fine group of new members and collectors in Detroit and was most happy to renew old acquaintances of past conventions.

— OLIVER W. HORTON  
Secretary-Treasurer



**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS**

The persons named below have applied for membership in the Society. Each applicant will become a member in 30 days, unless a written objection to his or her application is received by the Secretary-Treasurer prior to that date.

**New Members Since The April, 1974, Issue of THE CENTINEL**

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| 2523 | John Groot .....            | Jenison, Mich.        |
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| 2525 | Glen Arvin .....            | Loogootee, Ind.       |
| 2526 | James A. Leonard .....      | Normandy, Mo.         |
| 2527 | Nick Ciovica .....          | Chicago, Ill.         |
| 2528 | Brenda R. Eve .....         | Chicago, Ill.         |
| 2529 | Frank Starkey .....         | Chicago, Ill.         |
| 2530 | L. Mackie Smith .....       | London, Ontario, Can. |
| 2531 | Robert L. Woodside .....    | Hazelwood, Mo.        |
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| 2533 | Mike Orlando .....          | St. Louis, Mo.        |
| 2534 | Edna S. Winterbottom .....  | Kansas City, Mo.      |
| 2535 | Mildred E. Stone .....      | Kansas City, Mo.      |
| 2536 | Rachel B. Woodward .....    | Kansas City, Mo.      |
| 2537 | Diana J. Woodward .....     | Kansas City, Mo.      |
| 2538 | Carl Hostetler .....        | Kansas City, Mo.      |
| 2539 | Robert A. Columbia .....    | Waukegan, Ill.        |
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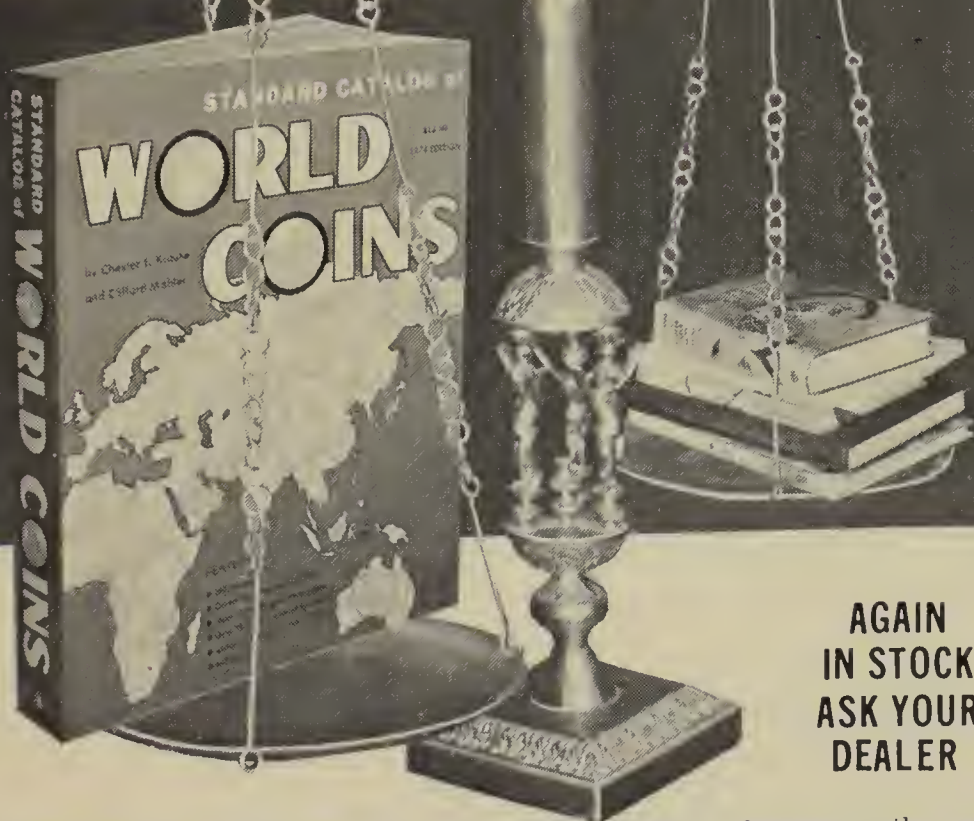
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| 2548 | Ralph J. Mercier .....        | Utica, Mich.           |
| 2549 | Hardie Maloney .....          | Harvey, La.            |
| 2550 | Jack DeFee, Jr. ....          | Harvey, La.            |
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| 2554 | Lisa Hesselbacher .....       | Scales Mound, Ill.     |
| 2555 | Robert E. Douglas .....       | Cedar Rapids, Iowa     |
| 2556 | F. David Bush .....           | Moline, Ill.           |
| 2557 | Donald W. Mark .....          | Adel, Iowa             |
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| 2560 | Des Moines Coin Club .....    | Des Moines, Iowa       |
| 2561 | Anthony Panto .....           | Dubuque, Iowa          |
| 2562 | Bob Kunnert .....             | Dubuque, Iowa          |
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| 2564 | Dennis E. Steinmetz .....     | Lancaster, Pa.         |
| 2565 | Robert V. Polito .....        | Smoketown, Pa.         |
| 2566 | Roy Garvin .....              | Upsilon, Mich.         |
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| 2578 | Kenneth J. Ferguson, Sr. .... | Cleveland, Ohio        |
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| 2580 | Joe Elliott .....             | Kansas City, Mo.       |
| 2581 | Claude Davis, M.D. ....       | Angola, Ind.           |
| 2582 | Judith M. Slate .....         | Sterling Height, Mich. |
| 2583 | Michael Belcher .....         | Belleville, Mich.      |
| 2584 | Mary McMillan .....           | Detroit, Mich.         |
| 2585 | Edward Sedo .....             | Dearborn, Mich.        |
| 2586 | William E. Riebe .....        | Pingree, N.D.          |
| 2587 | Mrs. Joanne Pace .....        | Kansas City, Mo.       |
| 2588 | Mrs. John H. Cain .....       | Kansas City, Mo.       |

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| LM 122 | Grover C. Criswell ..... | Citra, Fla.     |
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# **EDITORIAL**

## **What Is A Numismatist?**

A reader's letter inquiring about the definition of a numismatist reminded us of an excellent discussion of the distinguishing characteristics of a numismatist, published many months ago in "Chatter," the publication of the Hollywood, Fa., Gold Coast Coin Club. Because we had such high regard for the theory, we set it aside for such a moment.

According to the unidentified "Chatter" author, systematic curiosity and in-depth knowledge are two characteristics which distinguish a numismatist from a routine collector.

The routine collector satisfies his interest primarily through the search and assembly of various numismatic pieces. The routine collector does not acquire sufficient in-depth knowledge to make him an authority on what he collects.

The numismatist, however, studies the what, who, when, why, where and how of what he collects, frequently before he collects it. His curiosity and systematic pursuit and acquisition of in-depth knowledge gives him an appreciation of the scientific background of materials collected.

This kind of knowledge increases the satisfaction he derives through the search and assembly of his collection. It helps him to obtain a better collection for less cost and to become a recognized authority within the scope of his field of knowledge.

Knowledge needed to become a numismatist can be obtained through the study of literature — books and periodicals. Books provide the most comprehensive source of numismatic literature in readily useable form. Periodicals, magazines and newspapers provide information on recent developments, research and current practices, which over a period of time, tend to cover all major phases of numismatics.

The non-transitory type of information provided in periodicals is often used to update and revise existing books and to provide ideas for research and writing of new books. Materials from periodicals have to be saved and organized by subjects to be used for references.

The slogan, buy the book (and periodical) before you buy the coin, is a good one only if they are studied and the knowledge obtained is applied. Many complaints between buyers, sellers and traders of numismatic materials would not occur if the pertinent literature were studied by both parties before entering into transactions.

No numismatist can be expected to know everything, but unlike the routine collector, the numismatist usually knows where and how to find and use knowledge that he doesn't possess. Books and periodicals have the information which intelligent collectors need, and it is foolish not to use them.

— The Editors, *Coin World*





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## If You Collect Paper Money, You Should Be A Subscriber To The World's Best Publication On The Subject



A cherub defends himself with a silver dollar on this \$2 proof note.

### Silver Dollar Vignettes On State Bank Notes

By Dr. John A. Muscalus  
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Unless one has a large collection of state bank notes or happens to specialize in state bank notes of Indiana, New York, Massachusetts, Maine, or Rhode Island, he is not likely to be aware of the extensive number of notes with silver dollar vignettes.

It is the purpose of this survey to provide an awareness of the extent of silver dollar vignettes for those not familiar with the situation and also to provide a time-saving check list for those who are interested in coin vignettes.

This list of silver dollar vignettes is based on a survey of thousands of notes supplemented with a perusal of pertinent literature in specific geographic areas where notes were not at hand. For the present, this report is not concerned with gold coins, Spanish coins, and fractional coins. The silver dollar vignettes are more frequent than gold or large Spanish coin vignettes and are, therefore, given priority.

The absence of a listing for a state or city does not necessarily mean that there are no coin vignettes for them. There may be gold, Spanish coin or fractional currency vignettes, or there may be scarce or rare notes known only to specialists in given areas.

On the basis of this survey, it seems that there are upwards of 115 different notes with silver dollar vignettes, most of them issued in Indiana, New York, Massachusetts, Maine

and Rhode Island.

Although there are so many silver dollar vignettes, they are not all different. Some vignettes occur repeatedly among the notes. For example, there are some twenty different bank notes with the vignette that portrays a cherub rolling a large 1853 or 1854 silver dollar, whereas a vignette of the 1801 silver dollars is rare.

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### A Notorious R.I. Bank

By S. K. Whitfield

Every now and again notes of the Farmers Exchange Bank at Gloucester, Rhode Island appear for sale. The seller almost always points out that these notes were part of a stupendous swindle.

When I purchased one of these notes some time ago, my curiosity was piqued enough to determine what really happened back there in New England, nearly 175 years ago, that made this bank so infamous.

Banking profits in New England at the beginning of the 19th century caused many individuals to seek bank charters throughout the area. Since the city of Boston acted as a clearing house for New

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## ANA Offers \$5,000 Reward

The Board of Governors of the American Numismatic Association has posted a \$5000 reward for information that would lead to the apprehension and conviction of the person or persons responsible for the murder of ANA member Earle D. Sherwood.

John Jay Pittman, chairman of the ANA Security, Thefts and Robberies Committee, noted this action by the board at its recent meeting in Colorado Springs.

Mr. Sherwood, formerly of Hurley, N.Y., and a 39-year member of the association,

was brutally murdered during a robbery involving his personal collection at his home in Florida. He moved to the Beacon Square retiree area of Tampa-Saint Petersburg three years ago from New York state where he had spent most

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# SPOTLIGHT

### **Exhibit Judge Training Set At ANA Event**

The program for certifying exhibit judges, which was put on last August in Boston, will be repeated this year during the American Numismatic Association convention in Florida.

People wishing to take this program are urged to register by July 1 with the director of the exhibit judges certification program, Tom Jones, 13114 W. Warren Ave., Dearborn, Mich. 48126. Those who do not register, are welcome to come and will be accepted as long as space permits.

The exhibit judges certification program is intended to alleviate the shortage of qualified exhibit judges in the hobby. Those who have had some judging experience either on a local or state level are most welcome to attend, Jones said.

Inasmuch as the exhibit rules and points allocated have undergone a change this year, a refresher course is recommended for those who feel that they are well qualified, he added.

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### **Colonial Coins Needed For ANA Museum Display**

Colonial coins are needed for the Bicentennial exhibit in the American Numismatic Association's Museum, said ANA president Virginia Culver in Detroit, May 10.

Speaking at the Central States Numismatic Society's educational forum, Mrs. Culver reported that this year, for the first time, the ANA obtained a presidential proclamation for National Coin Week.

A major ANA project now in progress is conversion of the lower level at ANA headquarters in Colorado Springs to a museum, which, Mrs. Culver said, ANA officials hope to open in the fall or late this year. Plans include seven or eight galleries and a theater to seat about 35 persons.

A special Bicentennial exhibit is being prepared and Mrs. Culver made a plea for more and better material for the exhibit.



**Mrs. Virginia  
Culver**

"We are happy with things we have received, but we need Colonial coins" Mrs. Culver said as she showed slides of pieces now in the ANA collection to demonstrate the need for more and better coins and tokens for an exhibit representative of America's early history. Several of those shown were in poor condition, and many were only one of several varieties or denominations.

Wanted are all denominations of monogrammed New England and Willow Tree coinage, Rosa Americana (one shown is in poor condition), French Colonials in better condition and varieties, the VOCE POPULI (VOOE POPULI was shown), English token issues that served the Colonies,



Colonial coinages of New Hampshire, Vermont and New York — including varieties, Fugio cent varieties and Washington pieces.

George Hatie, CSNS panel moderator and ANA first vice president, reminded listeners that tax deductions could be claimed for donated coins, but that profits from sale of coins are taxed.

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### **Chicagoan Urges Adoption Of 2½c Coin, \$2.50 Note**

A 20-year campaign by a Chicago coin collector to have the Federal Government issue 2½-cent coins and \$2.50 bank notes was featured in the March 30-31 issue of the Chicago Daily News.

Harry X Boosel, whom the newspaper describes as “a coin collector and coin historian,” thinks adoption of his plan would eliminate the need for one-cent coins — bronze or otherwise.

“What can you buy for a ‘penny?’” Boosel asks. “The 2½-cent piece divides the nickel exactly in half. When phone calls, stamps, pop and coffee



**Harry X  
Boosel**

sold in vending machines are raised, they could be increased in smaller increments.”

This, he said, would help slow inflation. Furthermore, he adds, adoption of his plan would end the periodic shortage of one-cent coins. And it would give shoppers a coin to use when they want to purchase only one item offered at “two for 39 cents.”

But, as the newspaper points out,

two one-cent coins would still be needed to complete such a transaction.

Regarding the \$2.50 note, Boosel says it would divide the \$5 bill and provide an alternative to the unpopular \$2 note, which is currently the object of a revival attempt in some quarters. As a basis for reintroduction of a \$2½ medium of exchange, he cites gold pieces of that amount that were minted between 1796 and 1929.

After writing many letters to government officials over the past 20 years, he says they oppose his plan because such a change would be confusing, difficult for stores and vending machines to accommodate and likely to meet public resistance.

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### **Mrs. Schook Chosen ANA'S YNCC Administrator**

The appointment of Mrs. Florence M. Schook of Livonia, Mich., as chief administrator of the Young Numismatist Correspondence course has been announced by Kenneth Hallenbeck, a governor of the American Numismatic Association.

Mrs. Schook is the 1973 winner of the Outstanding Adult Adviser to Young Numismatists Award and secretary of the Michigan State Numismatic Society.

Persons interested in the course may write to YNCC, P.O. Box 2366, Colorado Springs, Colo. 90801. More than 600 students have registered for the YNCC and more than 70 have completed the course.

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### **Charlie's Open For Business In Louisville**

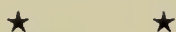
Charlie's Coins opened on April 6 at 5419 New Cut Road, Louisville, Ky. 40214. It is operated by Charles W. Hill, an American Numismatic Association member. He said he will buy and sell U.S. and foreign coins. Readers wishing a wood nickel may send him a SASE and a request.

## **Elongated Cites County In Ohio**

An elongated coin rolled on a Lincoln cent honoring Knox County, Ohio, has been issued by Jerry Rathburn of Alexandria, Ohio.

"I am hoping to have an elongated coin issue of each of the 88 counties in Ohio eventually," Rathburn said. The Knox County coin is his third, preceded by one for the State of Ohio and Licking County, Ohio.

Rathburn said he would be selling the items for 75 cents each. Additional information may be obtained from Rathburn at J. R. Enterprises, 22 West Main St., Alexandria, Ohio 43001.



## **Spirit of '76 Comes Alive For Cleveland Bicentennial**

A medal released by the Greater Cleveland, Ohio, Bicentennial Commission, stakes that community's claim to being "The City with the Spirit of '76."

The obverse portrays the famous painting by Archibald M. Willard of the three generations of patriots, marching before Old Glory to the call to arms.

Every schoolboy is familiar with Willard's painting, prepared for the International Centennial Exposition held in Philadelphia in 1876. What most school children outside Cleveland do not know is that Willard painted the famous picture in Cleveland, and that the original hangs in City Hall today.

The reverse of the medal, which was struck by Medallie Art Co., features the city's Bicentennial logo, surrounded by the legend: CLEVELAND CELEBRATES/THE UNITED STATES BICENTENNIAL.

A limited number of 500 of the medals is being struck in silver and an unlimited number available in bronze. The bronze medals are available from

the Greater Cleveland Bicentennial Committee, 1352 Terminal Tower, Cleveland, Ohio 44114, at \$2.50 each.



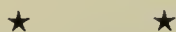
## **Lyn Knight Rare Coins Opens Business in KC**

The opening of Lyn F. Knight Rare Coins in Kansas City, Kan., was announced by Mr. and Mrs. Knight. The firm will deal primarily in U.S. coins and paper money, entirely by mail order. Their address is P.O. Box 1009, Kansas City, Kan. 66117 and the office is located in Suite 529, Two Gateway Center building, Kansas City.

The office will be open Monday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and will be also open by appointment. All numismatic material is kept in a bank vault.

Knight, with 13 years in the numismatic hobby, is a member of the Professional Numismatists Guild. Other affiliations are the Society of Paper Money Collectors and life membership in the American Numismatic Association.

He was formerly associated with the House of Stuart, Ltd. of Kansas City, and was president of P & I Coins, Inc., Sioux City, Iowa.



## **Bank Safety Deposit Boxes Hold More Than Just Coins**

In Cleveland, Ohio, safety deposit boxes apparently are more in demand for holding trophies of love than they are for protecting valuable coin collections.

Employees of the county auditor's estate tax division, whose responsibility it is to inventory boxes of deceased owners for the state tax commission found it not strange at all when the contents of a box held by a man turning 80 when he died held nothing more than a strand of blond hair tied with a scarlet ribbon.

One safety deposit box opened last



year literally bulged with money — \$20,000 worth, only it was counterfeit, compelling both the former owner's family and the state to yield all claim to the Secret Service.

In contrast, another box held only two nickels. It had been rented by a man who was faced with alimony payments to two former wives, until his death.

A dead woman's second husband was deflated when some well-thumbed packages of Valentine cards were found in the safety deposit box she held — they were all from her first husband!

A bar of "platinum" which one safety box revealed turned out to be like the proverbial "gold brick" — of negligible worth, and another deceased collector of jade paid the bank \$3,000 to protect his collection of jade. Over a decade, he had spent more for security storage than the collection was worth.

## ***Eliminate Those Coppers, Louisville Writer Urges***

Instead of banning the melting or export of copper cents, the government ought to eliminate that clutter-some denomination entirely, according to Louisville, Ky., Times columnist Richard des Ruisseaux.

Des Ruisseaux tongue and cheeked his way through a recent column, piling up a veritable mountain of "everyman's" complaints about the pesky copper cent.

By eliminating the cent, the writer explains, Americans could realize a reduction in the cost of coffee. "We drink a lot of coffee around our house, not because we like it so much, but because we need the empty cans to put our pennies in," Des Ruisseaux explained.

"I suspect there are a lot of households like ours. The demand (for coffee cans) is what keeps the price (of coffee) up," he asserted.

"As things stand, the only thing we have more of than pennies in our house is coat hangers, and we don't know what to do with them, either. I wish someone would invent a combination coat hanger-coffee can so we could hang our pennies in the closet," Des Ruisseaux appealed.

The passing of the one-cent parking meter, unreliability of pay scales and the loss of a childhood craving for bubblegum all contribute to an accumulation of coppers in his pocket, the Times columnist said.

"So by the end of the day I've got a bunch of pennies weighing me down and make me list to the right when I walk.

"People used to think I was drunk. But I solved that by having a couple of drinks which ordinarily make me list to the left, but with the pennies just straightens me out."

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The day was Oct. 8, 1862. The place: Corinth, Miss. The inspiration: Old Abe, a bold eagle who in a few short months had become famed both north and south of the Mason-Dixon line as the mascot of the Eighth Wisconsin volunteers.

Confederate Gen. Price roared. He wanted the bird more than a dozen battle flags or an entire brigade. Knowing that capture of this famous bird would electrify the South, the General ordered his men to take Old Abe at any hazard.

The Rebel attack wave under Price boiled onto the streets of Corinth and the entire town was soon shrouded in flame. Price was commanding 16,000

# Old Abe: Mascot Immortal

— by Kurt R. Krueger

## Part 1

troops, while the Union forces under Gen. Rosecrans were defending a fortress with 6,000.

The forces in gray uniforms soon poured into the yard of the Union's headquarters, but they were not to meet success for the day. Gen. Price's attack was crushed when Union riflemen swarmed in at his flanks.

For Old Abe, who hovered over the fortress while Wisconsin troops peppered musket balls into the midst of the Confederates, it was a close fight. It was not, however, the worst in his wartime experience.

That ten pounds of feathered majesty rode the standard of the Eighth Wisconsin into 22 major battles and scores of skirmishes through the Civil War years. He became a battle standard beloved by his Union comrades as a symbol of bravery, and despised by the Confederate troops who tagged him the "Yankee Buzzard."

I first came into contact with Old

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Old Abe as he appeared in retirement during the 1880 national encampment of the GAR at Milwaukee.





Abe when I encountered his features on the 1962 medal issued to commemorate the Central States Numismatic Society convention held in Milwaukee. The story behind that medal provides ample evidence that our hobby bears close tie to history.

The saga of Old Abe started in Wisconsin on a spring day in 1861. Daniel

years later: "He could eat a rabbit or a partridge in one day, and a mouse was like a pill — he would swallow it whole."

# ortalized on a Medal

McCann, a woodsman and farmer from Jim Falls, a trading post on the Chippewa River, bartered the young eagle from an Indian lad for a bushel of corn. The young seller was Chief Sky, son of Thunder of Bees, chief of the Flambeau Winnebagos.

McCann initially kept the bird tethered to a pole with a fishing line. The family pet fluttered its wings and hopped when McCann played the fiddle. His children hunted daily to feed the voracious bird and one recalled

As the eagle matured, it became apparent to McCann that his children might be harmed if they were to come in contact with his razor sharp talons. At this point he conceived the idea that the majestic bird might serve as a fine mascot for the Badger Company which was then organizing in Eau Claire as a response to President Lincoln's call for 75,000 volunteers.

A well known local businessman, S. M. Jeffers, put up a shiny quarter



In 1962, a hand engraved hob served as the model for an "old Abe" medal released to commemorate the annual convention of the Central States Numismatic Society. The medal was struck in both high and low relief versions, and several metal varieties, some of which are now very scarce.

eagle and the young bird was on its way to war with the fledging company. A poetic commentator wrote of McCann's remarks on the incident many years later: "And for this paltry sum was a noble bird sold from freedom to captivity; From barbarism to civilization; From the murmur of pines to the crash of battle; From obscurity to fame."

Capt. John E. Perkins, officer in charge, assigned James McGinnis, a young man of romantic ambition, to carry the black feathered mascot. McGinnis whittled out a perch atop a shoulder strap and affixed a shield to frame the young eagle as he rode his standard.

By September the raw company was marching aboard the river steamer "Stella Whipple" for a river transit to LaCrosse. The wild cheering of the men caused the eagle to bounce nervously on his standard.

Cannonfire of the First Wisconsin battery fired a salute upon the company's arrival at LaCrosse. The young bird again reacted nervously, although within the year he would react to such sounds as though they were marching tunes.

A trip to Madison's Camp Randall by train followed. According to witnesses, as the soldiers marched through the gates the eagle left its perch, caught the corner of the flag flapping above his head, and proceeded to spread the colors full.

The as yet unnamed bird was inducted into military service in a special ceremony which included the placement of red, white, and blue ribbons around his neck and a military rosette on his breast. Columnists foamed praise. Madison went wild. The eagle was more than a mascot; he was the symbol of a crusade.

After due thought, Capt. Perkins named the eagle "Old Abe" after his beloved President and Commander-in-Chief.

The Eau Claire Badgers were soon

forgotten in name. To the company and state they became the Eagle Company of the Eagle Regiment in the Eighth Wisconsin. With McGinnis shouldering Abe's standard on Oct. 1, Captain Perkins headed his company to Chicago by train. More acclaim was in store.

The Chicago Tribune reported warmly: "... they swear it shall never be taken by the enemy. No doubt the Chippewa Eagles and their pet bird will be heard of again."

Twenty-four hours after leaving Chicago, the boys from Eau Claire swarmed off a train in St. Louis and took up arms. Wisconsin had dressed her men in gray and it was feared that St. Louis' reaction might be one of alarm that the Confederates, already close to the city, had launched an invasion from the north. Blue overcoats saved the day.

During the commotion of arrival, Abe broke his ankle tether and retreated to the serenity of a nearby belfry. He was retrieved on a back street sidewalk later in the day, but still, the Eighth Wisconsin felt its arrival was something less than heroic.

A wealthy citizen was so impressed with the bird that he made a \$500 offer to Capt. Perkins. Perkins responded: "I would just as soon sell one of my own men."

The company looked smart in its new uniforms and standard. The question was, could it fight? The answer was soon provided. In close order the grapples were cast at Shiloh and Island 10. As the Union forces of the West began the long push down the Mississippi, the Eighth joined in the taking of 6,000 Rebel prisoners as garrisons at Island 10 and New Madrid collapsed.

At Farmington on May 9, 1862, the Eighth and Abe were bloodied in battle. In a conflict which was to lead to the capture of the east-west rail junction at Corinth, the Union forces were being crushed. The Eighth was



flanked and Capt. Perkins fell. Confederate artillery was pouring in, and the eighth hit the dirt beneath the storm.

Old Abe hit the dirt with his comrades, but McGinnis, who remained standing in the ranks of prone riflemen, brought the eagle back to his standard with a sharp haul on his tether. Abe screamed and launched

tion, he would survey the moving squadrons, as they rushed into line, his breast would tremble like a human heart.

"Click would go a thousand locks, and he would turn again, curving that majestic neck, scrutinizing the ranks, and dipping his brow forward to await the crash; and when it came, he would spring up and spread his pin-



A field photographer captured this shot of Old Abe, eagle-bearer Edward Homaston, and a portion of the Eighth Wisconsin color guard at Vicksburg, Miss., in July of 1863.

to his perch. Inspired by this spectacle, the eighth managed to turn the tide of battle.

Abe was now a seasoned veteran, and in action or on parade the sound of a bugle would bring his head erect. One historian, in the sometimes lavender prose of the period, described the eagle's action in battle:

"At the sound of the regimental bugle, he would start up suddenly, dart up his head and bend it gracefully, anticipating the sudden shock; and, when conscious of its reality, his eyes would flash with uncommon luster.

"Then, with a silent, exited anima-

ions, uttering his startling scream, felt and gloried in by all of the desperate soldiers."

Abe stood with his comrades whether free or tethered to his perch. When the tether was cut by a hail of musket balls at Corinth on Oct. 8, the giant, screaming bird hovered over his regiment, appearing as a wheeling black banner which the Confederates unsuccessfully tried to shoot down, although one bullet inflicted a superficial wound. The battle ended, Old Abe swooped down to earth beside the unit guidon.

(TO BE CONTINUED)

# The ABCs of Numismatics

— by Daniel C. Parker



## Part 6 Proof Coins

Proof coins are very special specimens, carefully struck by Mints to display the minter's art. "Proof" is not a condition, but rather a method of manufacture of coin. Carefully handled during the making, they are undoubtedly the finest specimens that one can hope to possess.

We wish to point out that the Proof coin is something special . . . special from the point of manufacture. Knowing something of the way the coin is made, one can not be "taken" by the few "artists" — persons outside the Mint — who have made repeated attempts to approximate the finish found on proof coins. These so-called artists have very carefully burnished coins that may have been prize pieces before being "worked on."

Their method has been to use a small buffer, plus jeweler's rouge or other polishing materials on ordinary uncirculated coins to achieve the high degree of "polish" achieved only by the Mint. They work only on the fields (flat areas surrounding the designs) of the coin. Fortunately for the collector, they can not work in the very minute crevices between the field and high (raised) areas of the coin.

In the manufacture of a proof, the Mint uses a planchet of full size and weight. The planchets are very care-

fully selected and polished to a mirror-like finish prior to insertion in the coining press. The press itself is not the ordinary coining press. A medal press is usually used which can exert much greater pressure than the normal coining press, though speed of striking is considerably slower. And, ordinarily, the planchet is twice struck.

After striking, the coin is carefully removed from the press by an operator wearing gloves so no finger prints can appear on the coin. Dies, too, get special attention. After several proofs have been struck, the dies are swabbed with a solution to make certain that they remain perfectly clean. Proof coins are rigorously inspected and packaged to preserve the already beautiful finish.

Proof coins may be readily recognized by several characteristics. One, the square flanges. Another, a "wire" edge which is caused by the extreme pressure which forces metal into the actual collar of the dies. Often, the devices of a proof (the higher or raised areas) will be "frosted" — a satiny finish resulting when the extreme pressure forces the metal to flow into the low points of the dies (the high points of the coin). A frosty, satin finish makes the proof coin doubly attractive and demands considerable added premium from discriminating collectors.

At one time, collectors could order



single proof coins directly from the Mint. Today only sets — containing one coin of each denomination — may be purchased.

Proof coins do not automatically retain the condition in which they are received. They must be preserved by housing them in containers (holders) from which the air may be excluded. Many types are available and many manufacturers produce them. Your friendly coin dealer will gladly make a recommendation if you will but ask his advice.

Most numismatic publications carry announcements when proof coins may be ordered from the Mint. In recent years, proofs have been minted in San Francisco, though traditionally they were produced at the Philadelphia Mint.

The availability of proof sets is rather limited. A limit to the number of sets produced must be established because of the time and special handling involved with the manufacture of the coins. Only as many orders are accepted as can be filled with the time and equipment available. Understandably, if too many specimens were available, the appreciation in value would lessen.

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# **GUTENBERG!**

— Clement F. Bailey, NLG

In 1968, East and West Germany issued coins to honor the memory of Johannes Gutenberg, one of the key figures in the invention of movable type for printing.

The Federal Republic of Germany (West) issued a 5 deutsche mark coin which has a figure surrounded by the inscription "Johannes Gutenberg 1468." The coin commemorates the 500th Anniversary of the death of Gutenberg.

The German Democratic Republic (East) issued a 10 mark coin dated 1968 for the same anniversary. Their piece has a clever design which simulates a piece of type and the end result of the use of the type face. Their coin did not have a portrait.

These are a couple of interesting coins as the man was not born as Gutenberg and the portrait shown on the West German issue is fictitious as no known portrait of Gutenberg exists.

Johannes Gutenberg is a genuine historical mystery. He was born in 1397 in Mainz, Germany. His father's name was Friele zum Gensfleisch — which in German means "goose flesh." This evidently did not tickle the fancy of Johannes and he changed his last name to Gutenberg or "good mountain," the birthplace of his mother.

Gutenberg is credited with the invention of movable type cast in molds for printing, but he was not the first to come up with the movable type idea. The Chinese had been printing for a great number of years, but the Europeans came up with the printing

idea without the knowledge of the Chinese process.

A book printed in Korea in 1377 was produced from movable blocks; this rests in the British Museum. The Chinese probably didn't develop the art because it took 6,000 Chinese characters for an everyday alphabet and 40,000 for a written language.

Before the invention of movable

redesigned a few more and came up with 23 letters. They did not use J, U, or UU (or as we say, "double U" — W).

As anyone knows, who has played with Roman coins, the Romans did not use spacing between their words, and everything is in capital letters. Someone finally came up with the idea of using small letters for the



type the basic alphabet had to be determined. The old cliché "know your abc's" or "easy as xyz" didn't apply to the early alphabet attempts. The Phoenician alphabet contained no vowels as they were interested in business records only. So they really invented the first use of shorthand as "yr" would stand for "your" and etc.

The Greeks took that alphabet, worked it over, and came up with 24 letters. The ancient Greeks would be able to read a Greek paper or magazine today as that 403 BC alphabet is still current. Early Greek was written from left to right, right to left or both ways at the same time as well as up and down. It depended upon the space as to how it was written. By the 6th century BC writing was established to be from left to right.

The Romans took the Greek alphabet and remade it to suit their needs. They used only 13 of the 24 letters,

body of books and ornate capital letters for starting sentences.

The next logical step was to couple the letters (they were handwriting the books) and to add punctuation. Charlemagne — Charles the Great — King of the Franks, engaged an English scholar from York — Alcuin by name — to come to his court and revise and rewrite all of the church literature. He was the first to systematize the punctuation of manuscripts as well as make divisions, such as sentences and paragraphs.

The stage was then set for the invention of movable type. Being an early printer had its problems and Gutenberg had his share. He was involved with a great amount of legal action (most inventors are) and if it hadn't been for his court problems we wouldn't have much Gutenberg history. His only mark would have been made by his type.



A Johann Fust — goldsmith — was first in business with Gutenberg as he loaned the money for the Gutenberg tools which cast the first movable type. Later, Gutenberg was sued for the recovery of the tools and Fust with his son-in-law, Peter Schoeffer, printed the first dated book from movable type in 1457.

A Gutenberg Bible is generally accepted as the first book to be printed from movable type; it was printed in 1456, but it was not dated. Further, it was not signed and it is not known if it is the work of Gutenberg or Fust-Schoeffer. This Bible is also known as the Mazarin Bible because it was brought to light while in the library of Cardinal Mazarin in Paris. It has large pages with two columns of forty-two lines each and in big block letters.

The early printers had language differences, type style differences and

many other assorted problems. They had to build their own presses and produce all of their own equipment including the making of the type.

One early printer and type designer was first a master of the mint in Tour, France. Nicolas Jensen was sent by King Charles VII to Germany to secretly learn the Gutenberg process. (Gutenberg's reputation spread rapidly through Europe which makes him an inventor of note.) Jensen went to Germany, stayed three years and returned to France. The new King, Louis IX, didn't care about the invention, so Jensen went to Italy and became famous for his type faces which are still in vogue.

Hieroglyphics converted to Roman letters took 5,000 years. From Roman letters to printing, it took another 1,500 years. When Gutenberg died in 1468 he had seen the spread of printing over Europe in 35 years. That is the reason for the commemoration to him in 1968.

In the world today there are fifty alphabets. Greek is singular, Arabic is used for several languages, but our common 26 letters are used in the most languages.

Gutenberg was a key figure in the perfection of movable type but left no book behind with his signature and no known portrait. But he did do one lucky thing for us and stayed with the capitalization of his time. WHAT IF HE HAD gONE tHE oTHER wAY?

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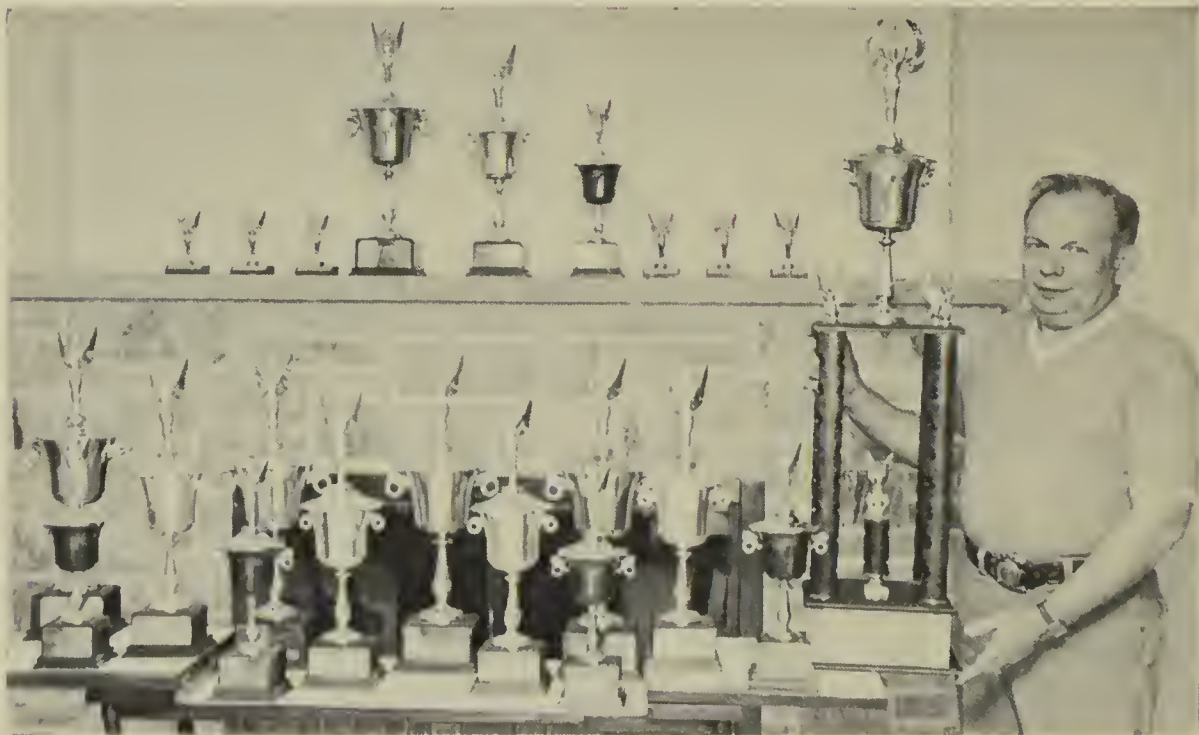
The Missouri Numismatic Society will present its 15th annual Coin Festival beginning with a ribbon cutting at 9:00 a.m. Friday, August 9, and continuing until 6:00 p.m. Sunday, August 11, in the ballroom of the St. Louis Marriott Motor Hotel. The St. Louis Marriott is a comparatively new hotel directly across Interstate 70 from St. Louis' Lambert International Airport. For many convention goers, it will be on the way to the ANA in Miami, Fla. The chairman of this year's Coin Festival is MNS Club President, Charles Hileman.

The Missouri Numismatic Society sponsors only one such event each

year, and tries to make it the best of all regional shows. Featured this year will be an enlarged bourse of 75 dealers from all parts of the country. As always, there will be competitive exhibits with awards, including the traditional "Eric P. Newman Best of Show" and other special awards.

The festival will have a special non-competitive exhibit this year featuring the works of James Buchanan Eads and the Eads Bridge. Mr. Eads was the first man to span the Mississippi River and this is the 100th Anniversary of the building of the Eads Bridge.

This year the scope of the Coin Festival has been expanded to include a first rate auction which will be



A smiling Jack Higgins displays an impressive array of awards awaiting competitive exhibitors at the Missouri Numismatic Society annual Coin Festival, August 9-11.



handled by veteran auctioneer Jess Peters. To obtain information about the auction and for catalog and prices realized, write: Jess Peters, Inc., P.O. Box 123, Decatur, Illinois 62525.

Bourse Chairman, Robert Knowles, reports that tables have been sold out since February, but exhibit applications may yet be obtained from Exhibit Chairman, Jack D. Huggins, 103 Powder Mill Rd., Belleville, Ill. 62223.

A 50¢ registration fee will apply to all persons 12 years of age and older; children under 12 will be admitted free when accompanied by their parent(s). The registration fee will include eligibility to compete in a prize drawing at the show's end that will include coins as well as a free weekend retreat at the St. Louis Marriott.

Additional information may be obtained from Festival Chairman, Charles Hileman, P.O. Box 714, Granite City, Ill. 62040, or phone 618-797-0223.

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## New Exhibit Format Works For Michigan Club

A spokesman for the East Detroit, Mich., Coin Club said the spring show was successful and well attended. He noted a new method of exhibiting was tried among juniors, and it proved to work out well.

This is the Murray system, he said, which was originated by Col. Bill Murray of Arkansas. Under the rules, all exhibitors compete with each other on the same subject, in this case the 1946 Roosevelt dime.

It was reported eight juniors vied for honors, with Jane Zabowski, taking honor for age 13 and older. Mark Zabowski won for those under 12. Others competing were James Theisen, David Schwartz, Jay Zabowski, J. Theisen, Marilyn Schwartz and Mike Zabowski.

Many of the juniors had regular exhibits, with Jane Zabowski taking first with Franklin half dollars; Vince Zabowski, second, Canadian commemorative nickels, and Mark Mizak, third, with Roosevelt dimes.

Schwartz took first place in his category with Franklin half dollars, and Jill Thiesen was second with Jefferson nickels, and Miss Schwartz, third for Flying Eagle cents.

Heavy buying was noticed throughout the day and the 30 dealers reported selling many items to answer the demand during this period of "coin fever."

The bourse area was reported depleted of silver coins before the day was over. A few dealers said they did not bring along enough of the proper types. Club officials said the show was a financial success.

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## **Indianapolis Show Features Strong Exhibit Competition**

Officials of the Western Electric Stamp and Coin Club, Indianapolis, Ind., reported J. O. Hensley won first place in U.S. coins at the recent show. His display was then declared to take best-of-show honor. Maxine Sanders won second place.

The first four places in foreign coin competition went to J. E. Seiter, W. E. Cox, R. Wente and R. C. Young. Topical coin honors went to W. E. Lowery, Seiter and Young.

Stamp honors were won by Lowery, R. A. Holmes, J. M. Prendergast, J. A. Brown, Gordon Sprague, Kathleen Holmes and Jeannette Cox. Non-employees, Edward S. Hochuli and Philip S. Jones, took best-of-show.

According to a spokesman, exhibits were some of the best in 10 years of shows, and bourse dealers reported good business in spite of a lower attendance. The nice weather and other activities in the city brought the number of visitors to a new low.

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## **Weaver Wins 'Best' At Michigan Show**

Harold Weaver took best-of-show honor at the third annual Monroe, Mich., coin show at the Holiday Inn. He took first in the miscellaneous category, with second place to Mary Gail Beneteau.

Mrs. Beneteau, general chairman, said attendance reached the 1,000 mark. The 17 dealers in the bourse area enjoyed good action throughout the day.

Other winners were Robert Lusch, first in U.S. coins; Bernard Beneteau, second, and Russ Palmer, third. Rita King won first in foreign coins, with Leo Maloche, second. Charles Verhoeven took honors in paper money, and junior winners were Russ Ravary and Rod Fischer.

Tom Jones, president of the Michigan State Numismatic Society, Merv Rose and Donald McCoy of the Fostoria, Ohio Coin Club were the exhibit judges.

The club sold the new Dr. George F. Heath medals during the day. Serially numbered silver medals were reserved for members, but bronze specimens are available to readers. Information may be obtained from the Monroe Coin Club, P.O. Box 44, Monroe, Michigan 48161.

Aiding Mrs. Beneteau were Palmer, president and exhibit chairman; Lillian Read, tickets; Dorothea Hann, registration; Lusch, PA system; and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Patania, medals.

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## **Old Fort Coin Club Stresses Education**

Meetings of the Old Fort Coin Club, Fort Wayne, Ind., are designed with educational features each month to further the hobby. All sessions are planned for 7:30 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month at the Lantern, 4420 Ardmore Ave.

The club holds membership in the American and Indiana Numismatic

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### **Elkhart Coin Club Elects New Officers**

Officers to head the Elkhart, Ind., Coin Club for 1974 are Jerry Hocker, president; Larry Linn, vice president; Vivienne Reed, secretary; and Glen Rummel, treasurer. Earl Mathews is junior vice president, with William Coss and Robert Saylor in charge of the kitchen.

The club meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the Willowdale Park pavilion. A spokesman said there is usually an attendance in excess of 75 at meetings.

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### **Juniors, Library Visitors Get Fort Wayne Club's Aid**

Kevin Hallenbeck gave a report on the junior club progress at a recent meeting of the Old Fort Coin Club, Fort Wayne, Ind. The junior meetings are planned just an hour prior to the parent club.

A club had donated copies of Coin Chatter to the Fort Wayne public library to appear in the periodical rack. Library officials sent a note of thanks to the club.

Ken Hallenbeck, a member of the 1974 U.S. Assay Commission, related his experience on the assay process. He told of the various activities and how the Trial of the Pyx started. The current issue of the club bulletin carried a report of the event for benefit of all.

Various officers of the club were introduced in the issue, with biographical sketch and hobby activities. Other officers will be featured in later issues.

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### **First Woman Heads Royal Oak Coin Club**

The Royal Oak, Mich., Coin Club noted it had hit a first in the year of its 20th anniversary. For the first time in history, members will be ruled by a woman president. Mrs. Connie Hall was elected to lead the official family.

Other officers are Ben Smith, vice president; Anne Matavi, secretary; Mrs. John Felong, corresponding secretary; and John Kary, sergeant at arms. Members of the board of governors are Robert Matavi, Joseph J. Newman, Paul Del Grosso and Allan Hagenjos.

Club meetings are held on the first and third Mondays of each month from 7 to 9 p.m. in the public library. Interesting programs are planned for each session, including speakers, films

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One favorite program is a panel event in which members try to stump the experts on the panel. A report said it is a rare occasion when this happens, but much information remains with the members.

The club sponsors spring and fall shows. The first was planned for May 25-26 in the Oakland Mall. All area residents are invited to the shows and the two meetings per month.

Of interest to other coin clubs may be the "recycling program." All members contribute any numismatic books, pamphlets, magazines or papers, from which other members may choose items to take home. This is on a first come, first serve basis.

Benefits are numerous, as contributors are able to clean out closets and other storage areas, while those who receive material will gain in numismatic knowledge. Members are thus able to learn of publications available in the hobby.

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### **Cooney Numismatists Award Best-Of-Show To Neidinger**

Best-of-show honor at the Cooney Numismatists, Ltd., Oconomowoc, Wis., show went to Leo Neidinger. Harold Collins won the "People's Choice" award. All awards were in the form of plaques.

First place winners were Richard Phelps, Neidinger and Robert Lee, while second place winners were Irene Neidinger, Roger Rodtke, and Bruno Melitz. The latter took a third, along with Richard Stone and Tom Armstrong.

Junior winners were announced as Steve Helms and Tom Neidinger.

Other show awards went to Scott Sawicki, Rod Bliss, Kris Dombrowski, Doug Stottleburg, Leon Davis, Jodine Zaclink, Ken Felton, Ken Christie, Richard Trapp, Floyd Stal, Joseph Binder, Tom Czyszczak and Hal Wichgers.

Kurt R. Krueger and Collins were chairmen for the successful show, which had an attendance of about 1,200 and 26 dealers operating 30 tables.

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### **Warren Coin Show Presents First MSNS Grading Clinic**

The first Michigan State Numismatic Society coin grading clinic highlighted the Warren (Mich.) Coin Club's annual spring coin show recently in the Pampa Banquet Room, Warren.

Directing the clinic were Bob Williams, MSNS board member, and Gordon Wrubel, society vice president. Discussed was the importance of grading, grading books and their faults, the importance of experience and "whizzing."

Sixteen-year-old Jane Zabowski won the club's best of show traveling trophy with her exhibit of Franklin type half dollars entered in adult competition. Bill Slate placed second with copper surface type coinage of 19th century Uruguay.

Other notable exhibits were a 1935 Connecticut commemorative half dollar shown by Jerry Parsons and Judy Slate's "Nina, Pinta and Santa Maria on Silver Coins," which featured the 1892 Columbian half reverse, the Hispaniola five gourdes of 1967, a 1964 Italian 500 lire and 1973 Bahamas \$10 piece.

Junior competition was divided into two classes, 13 years and older and 12 and younger. Winners in the first group were Richard Sharon, first, with a display of clipped planchets showing 12 Lincoln clips "around the clock"; Vince Zabowski, second, Canadian commemorative nickels of 1951 and 1967; and Ricky Tucker, Franklin half dollars.

Marilyn Schwartz won in the younger group with Flying Eagle type cents. David Schwartz displayed Franklin type half dollars.

"The show was a complete success



with all bourse tables filled and door prize tickets sold by 2 p.m. Sunday," reports Esther Zabowski, club president and general chairman. Marlene Rosey was in charge of bourse and Dan Manuszak was exhibits chairman.

New officers of the club are Esther Zabowski, president; Daniel Manuszak, first vice president; James Lopiccola, second vice president; Joseph Bem, treasurer; Marlene Losey, recording secretary; and Norman Miller, secretary.

Wilber Hatcher is club historian; Ramiro Marsh, sergeant at arms, with William Davis, Elizabeth Graham and Robert Williams as members of the executive board.

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### **Club Reports Good Turnout At Youngstown**

Edwin Huffman, president of the Youngstown, Ohio, Numismatic Club, reported a large attendance at a recent meeting. He said there was a shortage of chairs, but the situation would be cleared up at future meetings.

Several new members were welcomed. Huffman said he hoped they

each found the group interesting and that they will take an active part in club activities. He reminded other members to make them feel welcome and offer any assistance.

The club hopes to reactivate its coin library service in the near future. The books are currently in storage. Officers feel the club members will be able to make good use of the library.

The club, founded in 1928, meets on the fourth Thursday of each month at 8 p.m. in the Southern Park mall community room. An auction is held monthly and awards made.

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### **St. Louis Numismatic Society Incorporates**

The Missouri Numismatic Society, St. Louis, became incorporated as of Jan. 4, reaching another important milestone in its life. Members were reminded to be sure and attend meetings of the corporation and bring guests.

Several members, following Earl Volz, plan to establish car pools to bring other members and possible future members to meetings.



Honorary Life Membership recipients of the Missouri Numismatic Society were surprised with handsome gold-plated metal membership cards at the society's recent 36th anniversary meeting. On hand for the occasion were (left to right) David L. Cooper, Mrs. Arthur (Leona) Kelley, John B. Stevenson, Mrs. John "Bink" Stevenson, Eric P. Newman, Albert H. Wick, former ANA President Oscar H. Dodson, and MNS President Charles Hileman. Mrs. Kelley, Eric P. Newman, and John Stevenson are Charter Members of the society.

## **MSNS Plans Treasure Hunt For Its Young Numismatists**

The Michigan State Numismatic Society is planning a treasure hunt expedition and outing for its Young Numismatists. It is from an idea of Florence Schook, MSNS secretary. She will be assisted by George Wanzug, past MSNS officer, and Art Goupel, a governor.

Representing the YN group will be Mark Laht, Jack Reynaert, Russ Stuebbert, and Stewart Henderson. The event will be held during July or August. Site and actual date will be determined.

Charter buses will take the group to the site of the hunt, which will be visited the day before by adults who will hide the various items of treasure. All participants must be MSNS members.

YN personnel must bring shovels and metal detectors if available. Detectors will be used by groups in their search with all finds divided among the individual groups.

It is an all-day affair, with lunch furnished by the National Bank of Detroit Money Museum. There will be an additional afternoon break when refreshments will be served. Many awards will be made during the day.

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## **ILLNA Plans Show Date Coordination**

Every year many coin clubs go to the trouble and expense of hosting a coin show. While many are successful, there are some which are financial failures, according to Larry R. Camp, vice president of the Illinois Numismatic Association.

He continued that it is possible there was another show on the same day in the area, thus splitting visitors, and at the same time, sales for the attending dealers.

With that in mind, ILLNA appoint-

ed Camp as coordinator of Illinois area shows. He requests that all show chairmen contact him to check if there may be a conflicting show in any particular area at any time.

He has requested, through Coin Digest, official bulletin, that all member clubs contact him as soon as a date has been finalized. Better yet, he said, get in touch with him first to check a possibility of duplication of dates.

Camp may be contacted at A. L. Coins of Urbana, 602 S. Glover Ave., Urbana, Ill. 61801.

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## **Nominations Set For INA Offices**

Nominations for the election in September are now in order for the Illinois Numismatic Association. Four directors will be elected, with the top three serving for two-year terms, and the fourth for one year.

These nominations are to be in the hands of the secretary in ample time. Secretary Ronald M. Murphy lives at 1013 N. Second St., Springfield, Ill. 62702.

The 1974 ILLNA convention is planned for Sept. 6-8 in Decatur and the 1975 event in Springfield. A call is out for the 1976 convention. Information on the latter should be mailed to Jack D. Huggins, 103 Powder Mill road, Belleville, Ill. 62223.

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## **Milwaukee Club Chooses Officers**

Officers of the Milwaukee, Wis., Numismatic Society are Kurt Krueger, president; Michael Tramte, vice president; Darlene Boeyer, secretary; Anthony Tramte, treasurer; M. Tramte, librarian; and George Miller, sergeant at arms.

Governors are Krueger, Mrs. Boeyer, and the Tramtes with Edward



Kuebler, Tom Casper and Charles Opitz as trustees. Robert Kellner is newsletter editor.

The club reported its second Numismafest was successful when held in

Brookfield Square. Funds derived were given to the Wisconsin Young Numismatist fund and totaled \$300 this year. The nearby Waukesha Coin Club added \$20 to the fund.

**Marion Club Views  
Noggle Slide Show**

Attendance was reported good at recent meetings of the Marion, Iowa, Collector's Club, with members watching slides presented by Lowell Noggle at one session. Ted Lorenzen received a special award. Rosemary Erdman was elected secretary to fill the

vacancy created by the resignation of M. Burns.

Among other award winners were Delbert Zirtzmann, Tim Kellogg, Doug Willis, Mrs. Jo Ann Ingles, Gerald Sheppard, Joy Erdman, Mrs. Ray Sladeske, Rick Poshell, Elmer Konzen, Daryl Lang and Dave Martin. Joy Erdman served refreshments.

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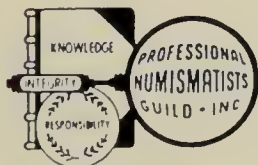
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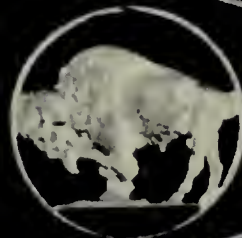
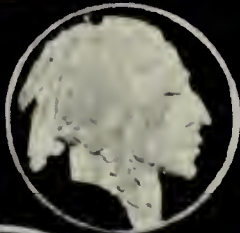
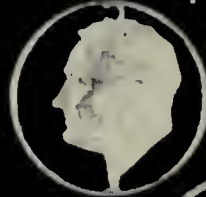
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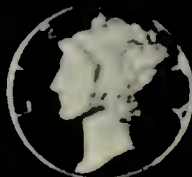
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